# Welcome to MEPAG Virtual Meeting (VM) #4



## Topics for today's virtual meeting (VM #4)

- 1) MEPAG Updates since VM #3 (Sept. 2018)
- 2) NASA Headquarters update
- 3) Ice and Climate Evolution Science Analysis Group (ICE-SAG)
- 4) Initial discussions on Mars white papers for the 2023-2032 Decadal Survey

#### **Agenda**

#### MEPAG Virtual Meeting #4 (VM4): Monday, February 25, 2019

Electronic meeting (JPL WebEx): 2:00 pm-4:00 pm EST

Agenda (as of Feb. 21)

Times shown are EST, all presenters should include time for discussion

Start (EST)	<u>PST</u>	<b>Duration</b>	<u>Title/topic</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
14:00	11:00	0:15	Welcome/meeting agenda/MEPAG update	J. Johnson (MEPAG Chair, JHU/APL)
14:15	11:15	0:15	NASA HQ Updates	M. Meyer (NASA HQ)
			NASA Research Announcement: Planetary	
14:30	11:30	0:15	Mission Concept Studies	L. Glaze (NASA HQ)
14:45	11:45	0:30	ICE-SAG report	S. Diniega (JPL), T. Putzig (PSI)
15:15	12:15	0:10	Question period	
15:25	12:25	0:20	Decadal Survey white paper planning	J. Johnson
15:45	12:45	0:10	Question period	
15:55	12:55	0:05	Wrap-up	J. Johnson
16:00	13:00		Adjourn	

#### VM Logistics:

- Please mute your phone
- Use chat box on WebEx; moderators will track questions
- Feedback/questions during and after meeting? → MEPAGmeetingqs@jpl.nasa.gov
- Presentations will be online after meeting

## MEPAG Activities since 9/13/18 meeting VM #3 (1 of 3)

- Convened VM #3 meeting (~100 attendees)
  - Summary of meeting posted: https://mepag.jpl.nasa.gov/meeting/2018-09/mepag vm3 notes 180913 final.pdf
    - 1) Review and Assessment of Planetary Protection Development Processes (S. Hubbard)
    - 2) Mid-term report on the Decadal Survey (L. Prockter)
- Completed revision of Goals Document after addressing polar science questions
  - Released Oct. 1, 2018: <a href="https://mepag.jpl.nasa.gov/reports/MEPAG%20Goals">https://mepag.jpl.nasa.gov/reports/MEPAG%20Goals</a> Document 2018.pdf
- Initiated Ice and Climate Evolution Science Analysis Group (ICE-SAG)
  - S. Diniega, T. Putzig Co-Chairs (status report at this meeting)
  - Goal: Explore mission-based approaches to address the fundamental science questions related to the recent and ongoing evolution of Mars volatiles and climate
  - MEPAG Executive Committee provided initial feedback

## MEPAG Activities since 9/13/18 meeting VM #3 (2 of 3)

- Presented MEPAG poster at Fall AGU meeting (S. Diniega)
  - "Preparation for the Planetary Decadal Survey: The 2018 MEPAG Goals Document and plans for 2019 updates"
    - Poster available here: <a href="https://www.essoar.org/doi/pdf/10.1002/essoar.10500792.1">https://www.essoar.org/doi/pdf/10.1002/essoar.10500792.1</a>
- Planned LPSC peripheral MEPAG "meet-and-greet" (see slide 10)
- Distributed monthly newsletters
  - https://mepag.jpl.nasa.gov/newsletters.cfm
- Participated in initial work on creating joint statement on diversity goals among all Analysis/Assessment Groups (AGs) for inclusion in their documents (C. Ernst, APL/SBAG)

## MEPAG Activities since 9/13/18 meeting VM #3 (3 of 3)

- Revised MEPAG Committee memberships THANKS!
  - Executive Committee:
    - Rotating off:
      - Ben Bussey (NASA HQ)
    - Rotating on:
      - Jake Bleacher (NASA HQ), supplemented by Paul Niles (JSC)
      - Justin Filiberto (LPI, Planetary Science Advisory Committee (PAC) member)
      - Barbara Cohen (GSFC, LEAG Executive Committee)
  - Goals Committee:
    - Rotating off:
      - Steve Ruff (ASU, Goal III)
      - Paul Withers (Boston Univ., Goal II)
    - Rotating on:
      - Briony Horgan (Purdue, Goal III)





# **Executive Committee**







Jeff Johnson, Chair, JHU/APL



Wendy Calvin, UNR



**Dave Beaty** MPO/JPL



Michael Meyer, NASA HQ



Don Banfield, Goals Committee Chair, Cornell



Rich Zurek MPO/JPL



Jake Bleacher **NASAHQ** 



Scott Hubbard Stanford **Justin Filiberto** 





Barbara Cohen **GSFC** 



Paul Niles JSC

# Goals Committee



Goal 2

Jen Stern NASA GSFC, Goal 1



Don Banfield, Goals Committee Chair. Cornell



Sarah Stewart Johnson Georgetown, Goal 1



R. Aileen Yingst, PSI, Goal 3





Robin Wordsworth Harvard University Goal 2



Ryan Whitley NASA JSC. Goal 4



Jacob Bleacher NASA GSFC, Goal 4

# Mars Program Office associates

(Jet Propulsion Laboratory)



Serina Diniega



Kelly Perry



**Brandi Carrier** 



Barbara Saltzberg

## **Upcoming Mars Activities**

- LPSC MEPAG meet-and-greet
  - Monday, March 18, 12:00PM 1:00PM, Waterway Ballroom 6-8
  - Not a formal meeting: Intent to interact and continue Decadal Survey white paper discussions that begin today
- Mars Sample Return forum organized by Mars Program Office/NASA:
  - Wednesday, March 20, 12:00PM 1:00PM, Montgomery Ballroom A-C
  - MSR Science Planning Group (MSPG)
- 9<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Mars
  - July 22-25, 2019 @Pasadena, CA
- Mars Extant Life: What's Next?
  - November 5-8, 2019 (rescheduled from original January 29-February 1)

## **Next MEPAG Meetings**

- Virtual Meeting #5 (week of May 6, 2019)
- Potential agenda items
  - NASA HQ and Mars Exploration Program updates
    - FY19 budget status
    - FY20 request
  - Mars Sample Return, Mars 2020 updates
  - Decadal Survey updates and preparations
    - Report from LPSC meet-and-greet event

## **Next MEPAG Meetings**

- Face-to-face Meeting #37 → <u>Decision</u>: append to 9<sup>th</sup> Mars conference (Friday, July 26 at Caltech, Pasadena)
- We welcome conference attendees to the MEPAG meeting!
- Portions of typical MEPAG face-to-face meetings that likely will be covered within 9<sup>th</sup> Mars conference program:
  - Mars Sample Return updates
  - Mission updates and status (including InSight and international)
  - Human exploration
  - Commercial space
- Potential MEPAG agenda items
  - NASA HQ and Mars Exploration Program updates
  - Mars 2020 updates
  - Decadal Survey updates and preparations (MEPAG Goals revisions, initialization of white papers)
  - Conference/team reports

## R&A Program Element relevant deadline updates

- C.3 Solar System Workings (SSW)
  - Step 2 April 2, 2019
  - hqssw@mail.nasa.gov
- E.4 Habitable Worlds (HW)
  - Step-2 March 29, 2019
  - mitchell.d.schulte@nasa.gov
- C.15 Planetary Protection Research (PPR)
  - NOI April 12, 2019
  - Proposals due May 10, 2019
  - HQ-PPR@mail.nasa.gov
- C.30 Planetary Mission Concept Studies (PMCS)
  - NOI March 22, 2019
  - Proposals due May 21, 2019 <u>Doris.Daou@nasa.gov</u>
  - Final reports due to NASA June 30, 2020

#### 2019 PSD Mission Senior Review Schedule

(schedule subject to change based on government status)

•	Proposals due to NRESS	March 15 (was Feb. 14	)
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Interaction with Panels
May 6

• Report to PAC June 10

PAC recommendations to NASA
June 24

NASA response/direction to Projects
July 8

#### POTENTIAL MEPAG Timeline VM#4, Feb. 25, 2019

